CLAIMS

1. A rust preventive agent which contains, as an active component, at least one species selected from a compound of the formula (1) or (2) and a salt thereof.

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- 2. A rust preventive agent according to claim 1 wherein the salt of the compound of the formula (1) or (2) is an alkali metal salt.
- 10 3. A rust preventing method which is characterized in that the surface of the metal or alloy is coated with the rust preventive agent of claim 1 or 2.
 - 4. A rust preventive resin composition which contains 0.001 to 10 parts by weight of the rust preventive agent of claim 1 or 2 per 100 parts by weight of a resin.
 - 5. A rust preventive resin composition according to claim 4 wherein the resin is at least one species selected from the group consisting of epoxy-based resins, polyolefin-based resins, vinyl chloride-based resins, polyacrylonitrile-based resins, polystyrene-based resins, polyamide-based resins, (meth)acrylic ester-based

resins, polyether ether ketone-based resins, polyester-based resins, polyvinyl acetate-based resins, polyurethane-based resins, polycarbonate-based resins, and at least one species selected from copolymers thereof.

- 6. A method of preventing the rust of a metal or alloy thereof, the method being characterized in that the surface of the metal or alloy thereof is coated with or applied with the rust preventive resin composition of claim 4 or 5.
- 7. A conductive body formed by being coated with the rust preventive resin composition of claim 4 or 5.
 - 8. A rust preventive coating composition which contains the rust preventive resin composition of claim 4 or 5.
 - 9. A rust preventing method according to claim 3 or 6 in which the metal or alloy is one made of at least one species selected from copper, zinc and iron.

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